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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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FOR RSO FROM SY/OPS/T

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF SY FOLLOW VEHICLE
REF: PANAMA 7603

1. BASED ON RSO ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY SITUATION PER REF-TEL, SY CONTROLLED FOLLOW VEHICLE BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT TO YOUR POST. SHIPPING DATA WILL FOLLOW WHEN KNOWN, IF VEHICLE IS ACCEPTED AS OUTLINED BELOW.

2. VEHICLE IS FOR USE BY POLICE ASSIGNED BY HOST GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THEM A BETTER CAPABILITY TO PROTECT COM OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS. POST SECURITY OFFICERS ARE URGED TO CLOSELY MONITOR USE AND OPERATION OF THIS SPECIAL SECURITY VEHICLE, EVEN THOUGH IT WILL REMAIN UNDER SY OPERATIONAL CONTROL. LATITUDE IS ALLOWED RSOS TO REASSIGN VEHICLE WITHIN COUNTRY FOR USE BY PROTECTIVE DETAILS ONLY, BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO REASSIGNMENT BY SY SHOULD A GREATER NEED DEVELOP ELSEWHERE. IF POSSIBLE, DRIVERS OF THE VEHICLE SHOULD BE PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH U.S.-TYPE VEHICLES. THE
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USING POST IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE SERVICE, MAINTENANCE AND

REPAIRS, SINCE SY HAS ONLY BUDGETED FOR MAINTENANCE OF CUSTOM, FULLY ARMORED, COM VEHICLES. SERVICE AND PARTS MANUALS WILL BE POUCHED TO YOUR POST.
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3. VEHICLE IS A 1976 CHEVROLET IMPALA, FOUR DOOR SEDAN, LEFT HAND DRIVE WITH 402 CID ENGINE, 4 BBL CARB, HEAVY

DUTY SUSPENSION AND STEEL BELTED RADIAL TIRES. ALL VEHICLES ARE BLACK. ENGINES ADJUSTED FOR U.S. "REGULAR" GRADE GASOLINE AND DO NOT HAVE CATALYTIC CONVERTERS. VEHICLE HAS LIMITED ARMOR CONSISTING OF 3/16 INCH, T3-2024 ALUMINUM IN DOORS, BEHIND SEATS AND SAIL PANELS WHICH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUTER METAL "SKIN" OF VEHICLE, PROVIDES PISTOL/SUBMACHINE GUN FIRE PROTECTION UP TO AND INCLUDING 9MM PARABELLUM BALL AMMUNITION. VEHICLE WILL NOT PROTECT AGAINST ANY TYPE OF RIFLE FIRE INCLUDING 12 GAUGE RIFLED SHOTGUN SLUG.

4. PLEASE CABLE DEPARTMENT (SY) ACCEPTANCE/NON-ACCEPTANCE ASAP. ROBINSON

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